

Social and Personal

DECIDEDLY the handsomest entertainment that has ever been given in Richmond was the Japanese cotillion, of which Miss Lane Branch was hostess, last evening, in honor of her debutante niece, Miss Zayde Branch. The ball-room of the Masonic Temple was converted into a veritable fairland of fragrant blossoms and brilliant lights. The walls and windows were curtained in amethyst, and banks of iris and chrysanthemums were growing about this wonderful tea garden, transported from the land of the chrysanthemum, all in the most natural sort of way. The entire hall was screened in bamboo and hung with wisteria, and numbers of many-colored Japanese lanterns, with intervals of mogura trees and arches hung with white flowers around the sides of the ball-room. There were chairs and tables, and guests were seated on hassocks in true Oriental fashion. A screening of cherry blossoms and bay trees hid the orchestra, and on the front part of the stage a tiny lake with masses of pink and lavender and white iris was arranged. Just back of the receiving party, a charming arrangement of tiny tea tables and banks of pink iris, with a background of moon flowers and wisteria.

The foyer was transformed into a reception hall, with rustic seats and tables, and decorated with palms and pink and white chrysanthemums. In the dining-room the same drapery of amethyst prevailed with poinsettias and red lilies taking the place of the flowers used in the ball-room. The tables were lighted by the lanterns strung from the ceiling and the center of each table was ornamented with Japanese bowls of cherry blossoms and really, truly goldfish swimming about in them.

Miss Branch received her guests, wearing an imported gown, fashioned of old blue chiffon, embroidered in pearls and pale pink flowers. Miss Zayde Branch wore an exquisite white silk kimono, made over pink and embroidered in cherry blossoms. Her obi was of pink and she carried lilies of the valley and begonia. Mrs. John Kerr Branch was handsomely gowned in salmon pink satin, trimmed in lace and sable, and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies. Miss Phinney wore a kimono of white crepe silk, embroidered in chrysanthemums and birds, and carried carnations. Miss Ita wore a quaint costume of yellow, embroidered in scarlet roses and pale shades of poppies. Her obi was of turquoise blue.

The favor tale was presided over by Mrs. Frederick William Scott, Mrs. William H. Palmer, Jr., and Miss Frances Scott. The favors were all in keeping with the Eastern idea and consisted of gold beadresses and pink chrysanthemums for the girls, with big pink flowers, holding whistles for the men; Japanese parasols, dainty silk fans, paper knives, cunning little Japanese dolls dressed in quaint brocade kimonos and concealing ribbon-bows, and tiny silver hokkios and pocket-books fashioned of figured Japanese silk.

Like folk from one of Kipling's poems, the 250 society people who danced at the beautiful ball last night, made merry with all the gaiety that a costume dance provides, and being heightened by the Orientalism of decoration, costume and environment.

Miss Branch Engaged.
One of the most interesting announcements in the fashionable set here this winter was made Wednesday evening at a beautiful dinner given by Colonel and Mrs. James R. Branch in honor of Mr. Branch's birthday, when they announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Cooke Branch, to Thomas Burton Snead. Miss Branch made her debut in Richmond last winter and has been much admired in society here and in New York, where she formerly made her home. Mr. Snead is of King William county, Va., and a graduate of the University of Virginia. He is a prominent attorney of this city and is widely related throughout the State.

Colonel Branch's guests for the dinner on Wednesday night, which was given in the annex of the Commodore Hotel, included the members of his father's and grandfather's families. It was a very handsome affair, and the decorations were in poinsettias, American Beauty roses and Christmas greens. Covers were laid for twenty-five.

John P. Branch, who was the guest of honor, announced on this occasion his intention of reviving the custom in the Branch family of having a birthday dinner each year on November 23, the anniversary of his father, the late Thomas Branch, founder of the Branch Banking House in Richmond.

Some of the guests present were: John P. Branch, Mrs. Beverley B. Munford, Mrs. Anna Branch Cabell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Branch McAdams, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Withers, of Suffolk; Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Cabell, Miss Mary Safford Munford, Mrs. Cunningham, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. Melville C. Branch, Colonel and Mrs. James R. Branch, Miss Mary Cooke Branch, Thomas Burton Snead.

Miss Gilpin Honored.
One of the handsomest luncheons given in Baltimore this season was that given in the Stafford Wednesday by Mrs. Henry Brooke Gilpin in honor of her debutante daughter, Miss Dorothy Gilpin. The guests were seated at five small tables, decorated with poinsettias and crimson-shaded lights. Those present were: Misses Mary Buchanan, Albert, Isabel Riegan Thom, Rebecca White, Mable Whiteley, Martha K. Levering, Olivia Shriver, Anne Mason Banks, Rebecca Hickok, Sara Snowden, Chloe Tyler Cooke, Helen Wood, Mary Tilghman, Margaret Pennington, Mary G. Bowdoin, Margaret Steele, Margaretta D. Hambleton, Cornelia L. Patterson, Marian Hubbard, Charlotte Denison, Anna T. Stump, Marquita Reed-Lewis, Nina Barroll Ransom, Agnes Kemp, Julia Whiting, Washington.

The Gilpins have a very handsome country home in Virginia and Miss Gilpin has been frequently entertained by friends in Richmond.

Return to Lynchburg.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Bryant Heard have returned to their home in Lynchburg, after a visit to Richmond, Petersburg and Washington. While in Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Heard were the guests of Mrs. Heard's brother, Congressman Shepherd, of Texas.

Taylor-Lemmon.
A wedding of interest to society in Richmond that took place Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, in Baltimore, was that of Miss Grace Lemmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Southgate Lemmon, to H. Gwynne Taylor, son of the late Henry Taylor, of Mount Airy, Va. The ceremony was performed by Dr. William M. Dame, at the home of the bride's parents, 221 West Lanvale Street, and a reception followed.

The bride wore a gown of white satin trimmed with old family lace, and a tulle veil fastened with orange blossoms. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley and orchids. Mr. Lemmon gave his daughter in marriage. She was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Lemmon. Little Miss Sophie Whiteley and Southgate Morrison were the ribbon bearers. William Crump, of Richmond, was Mr. Taylor's best man.

On their return from the wedding journey Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will live at "Welbourne," Loudoun county, Va.



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merly the home of the bride's maternal grandfather, the late Colonel Richard H. Dulany.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Colonel Alfred Herbert, Miss Herbert, Dr. Guy Fairfax Whiting, Misses Whiting, all of Washington; Messrs. Arthur Herbert and Julian T. Burke, of Alexandria, Va.; Beverly Crump, of Richmond, and the Misses Taylor, of Mount Airy, Va.

Annual Meeting.
The Commonwealth Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, will hold their annual meeting to-day at noon in the home of Mrs. Allan Chambers, 294 West Main Street. All members of this organization are asked to be present.

Visiting in Washington.
Miss Kathleen Caughy, daughter of the American consul at Milan, who has been spending some time with relatives in this country, is at present the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Keefe and Miss Keefe, in Washington. Miss Caughy will receive with Miss Reside at her debut tea on Monday. She will also visit the Misses Higgins, in this city, before leaving for Italy later in the season.

In and Out of Town.
Miss Lucy Patton, of Lexington, Va., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Rachel Urquhart, for several weeks.

Mrs. John Sumner and small son, of Danville, are visiting friends in this city for a few days.

Miss Polly Robins, who is spending the winter in New York, will arrive in town Monday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. William T. Robins.

Miss Katherine Yonge is expected home this week, after a visit of some weeks in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Armistead have returned to city, after spending a week in New York City.

Mrs. Hugh Morrison and family, of Glinter Park, returned to Richmond this week, after spending six weeks in Albemarle with Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Page.

Captain and Mrs. L. L. Sutherland, of Staunton, are spending the holidays in this city.

John Gardner, of this city, is the guest of friends and relatives in Clinton Forge for several weeks.

Miss Evelyn McGuire, of Berryville, Va., is visiting friends and relatives in Richmond.

Mrs. Harry Frazier is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Erskine Miller, in Staunton, Va.

Mrs. Mary E. Bell, of Harrisonburg, is spending the winter with relatives in this city.

Mrs. William J. Perry, who has been visiting here for two weeks, has returned to her home in Staunton.

Mrs. Jesse R. Taylor, of Chicago, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Theodore Elyson, at 314 Park Avenue.

Inge-Epes.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Blackstone, Va., December 15.—Miss Mary Batte Epes and Ernest C. Inge were married at the home of W. A. Robertson at Nottoway C. H., at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon. The young couple left Blackstone this afternoon for a drive, and went to Nottoway Courthouse, obtained a license and were quickly married at the home of Mr. Robertson shortly thereafter. They left at once for Richmond, en route to Washington and other points.

The bride is the eldest daughter of the late Sydney P. Epes, a former member of Congress from the Fourth District, and the widow of the late Geo. M. Inge, a former business man of this place, and is a nephew of the Hon. T. A. Overby.

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The next county to vote will be Smyth, which acts next Thursday on

County Will Soon Vote on \$300,000 of Additional Bonds.

Russell has joined the procession of Southwest counties in proposing a large bond issue. State Highway Commissioner P. St. Julien Wilson learns that an election will shortly be called to vote on the proposition to issue \$300,000 in bonds for permanent road-building. However, this is not Russell's first step. For \$150,000 has previously been issued, with which some of the best roads in the State have been constructed. The date for the election will shortly be set by the

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